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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION "A"

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of <u>January 12, 2007</u>, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

A one-month extension of time has separately been requested.